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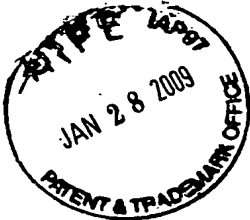
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Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b)

Sir:

In response to the telephonic interviews conducted, January 22, 2009, January 27, 2009, and January 28, 2009, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interviews. During the January 22, 2009 discussion, the Examiner proposed cancelling claim 17 and amending claims 1 and 19 (as shown below) via an Examiner's Amendment. On January 27, 2009 and January 28, 2009, Applicant's representative verbally agreed to the Proposed Examiner's Amendment of claims 1 and 19, and also suggested amending claim 17 (also shown below). On January 27, 2009 and January 28, 2009, the Examiner indicated his acceptance of the Proposed Amendment to claim 17. The Examiner indicated that each of the proposed changes to claim 1, 17, and 19 will be accomplished via an Examiner Amendment.

Proposed Examiner's Amendment of Claims 1 and 19 (accepted by Applicant):

1. (Currently Amended) Device for determining a possible presence of contamination of a container with a decorative exterior, comprising:

- irradiating means for irradiating the container with at least a first wavelength,
- recording means for recording a radiation sample of radiation during interaction of the radiation with at least a part of the container,
- rotational orientation determining means for determining ~~an~~ a rotational orientation of the container relative to the first recording means, and
- comparing means for comparing the sample to a reference matching the rotational orientation of the container relative to the first recording means during the recording to determine the possible presence of contamination.

19. (Currently Amended) Method for determining a possible presence of contamination of a container with a decorative exterior, comprising:

- irradiating the container with radiation with at least a first wavelength,
- determining ~~an~~ a rotational orientation of the container relative to a recording device,
- recording, via the recording device, a radiation sample of the radiation after the radiation passes through at least a part of the container,
- determining the possible presence of contamination by comparing the sample to a reference matching the rotational orientation of the container relative to the recording device,
- approving or rejecting the container based upon the determination.

Proposed Amendment of Claim 17 (accepted by the Examiner):

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Device for determining a possible presence of contamination of a container with a decorative exterior, comprising:~~ according to claim 1, wherein

~~[[—]] the irradiating means for irradiating~~ irradiate the container substantially from the top or ~~the bottom with at least a first wavelength,~~

~~—recording means for recording a radiation sample of radiation after
passing through at least one wall part of the container, and
—comparing means for comparing the sample to a reference of the
container relative to the first recording means during the recording to
determine the possible presence of contamination.~~

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CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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